

Exalted Ruler's Message:

Hello to all! I hope you are starting to enjoy the beginning of the summer season.

A few short months ago as Leading Knight, I read a statement during a regular Lodge session, but like most things that happen at the Lodge sessions, very few hear what's going on. My message to all of you is this: Where do you see this Lodge in 5, 10, 15 years from now? Are we going to challenge ourselves in moving ahead? Taking chances? Making the necessary changes to move forward? Or are we just content with the same old ways? We need new fresh faces with new ideas, willing to take chances. We have people that would rather be disruptive and complain about everything instead of helping and participating with whatever tasks we are involved with. We have many great people and volunteers that give a lot of time without any compensation. All of our officers and committee members spend their valuable time helping and serving the Lodge. Please be helpful. Don't be disruptive.

We have some great events planned all with volunteers. Your attendance will be appreciated.

Be safe and looking forward to serving you.

Fraternally yours,
ER Philip K Nuffer

Secretary's Message:

2025-2026 Lodge dues were due on April 1st, 2025. Here's why I urge delinquent members to pay up: Our Lodge has had to pay your membership dues during the month of April to the Grand Lodge and to our New York State Elks Association based on the number of members we have as of April 1st. We had to pay for 1,226 members in advance. Grand Lodge per capita is \$34 and the NYS Elks Association per capita is \$5. That's \$39 per member. Do the math. That's a lot of money we had to pay out of our account for those who have yet to pay. Is that fair to all those who have paid on time? As of writing this message, there are still 190 members who are delinquent. Your continued membership help support the various Elks programs, continue our service the community, and contribute to our charitable events.

Also, to be able to use your membership benefits to attend any meetings or for participating in upcoming Lodge events such as family picnic, clam bake, Trivia Night, Bingo at the Bar, or even to come in and drink and dine with us, you need to be a member in good standing.

Online dues payment has a new system now. Delinquent members, please use the link to pay your dues online:

<https://secure.directbiller.com/search/elks-lodge/>

You can still pay your dues by check payable to Watertown Elks # 496 either in person or by mailing to the Lodge with the address shown below.

For the month of July and August, the Lodge will be closing at 6:00 PM on Sundays.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

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Text only: (315) 486-0057

Watertown NY 13601

Email: dj0057@me.com

DELINQUENT MEMBER NUMBER

4086	4415	4713	4738	4891	5259	5322	5413	5452	5809	5811	5921	5982	5985	6001	6075	6123	6124	6172	6234	6289	6296	6361
6416	6474	6546	6607	6754	6793	6802	6824	6831	6846	6874	6911	6912	6940	6951	7033	7036	7062	7104	7144	7155	7161	7179
7182	7194	7209	7276	7299	7315	7349	7376	7377	7381	7403	7466	7511	7521	7576	7579	7596	7658	7714	7733	7736	7749	7847
7851	7869	7890	7925	7928	7935	7942	8039	8060	8063	8091	8154	8165	8174	8199	8200	8229	8252	8285	8291	8309	8345	8372
8387	8400	8410	8417	8433	8441	8452	8465	8468	8480	8481	8482	8497	8499	8510	8514	8518	8527	8535	8543	8551	8552	8569
8575	8576	8580	8606	8623	8633	8642	8646	8657	8663	8665	8666	8673	8695	8696	8703	8707	8711	8721	8739	8766	8771	8778
8780	8783	8786	8804	8809	8810	8811	8818	8819	8820	8825	8826	8841	8842	8843	8853	8874	8891	8892	8897	8900	8907	8922
8933	8942	8943	8947	8951	8957	8964	8972	8981	8982	8985	9004	9005	9007	9013	9014	9019	9022	9026	9033	9040	9041	9043
9053	9057	9058	9062	9069	9075	9087	9102															



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All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **20th** of this month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

Brian Dezell—DDGER—North Central District # 6240

800 Pray Rd, Lisbon, NY 13658 (315) 322-1074

Dan Shannon—State Vice President

5501 Jackson St, Lowville, NY 13367 (315) 717-5134

To book an event at the lodge, call:

Events Phone Number: (315) 586-5954 or

Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1270

Email: elks496@centralny.twcabc.com

BELL JAR REPORT	
May 2025	
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Total Expenses:	\$2,505.80
Worthy Causes:	\$100.00
Net Income:	\$9,926.20

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House Committee

July is here and the year is half over already. Summer is in full swing and so are our committees planning pretty sweet events for our membership the next couple of months. Sunday July 20th is our Annual Elks Family Day Picnic. Saturday August 9th is the return of the Clam Bake. I, for one, am very excited for both of these events. I am hoping for a big turnout and a great day for our members.

Wing Night was a huge success as Scotty and Geoff did a great job. On the first night, we actually sold out on wings! Wing Night will happen again on July 14th from 5:30 until gone. Mark your calendars as you don't want to miss out. Every Sunday will now be All Day Happy Hour, enjoy reduced priced drinks all day.

The House Committee will continue to try to provide solid entertainment, dining nights and fun at the Lodge alongside with the Activities Committee. Our next meeting is Monday, July 14th at 6:30 PM. It is open to all members in good standing. We always encourage all ideas and opinions. I hope everyone has a great month and start to the Summer.

House Committee Chair,
Anthony DeMiceli

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A sincere and heartfelt Thank You goes out to all those that gave up some of their time to volunteering on several events at our Lodge. There are so many of you that did and we didn't want anyone to go unnoticed. From cooking in the kitchen to helping out with several activities, attending meetings or just being on any committee, you are what keeps this Lodge going. New volunteers are always welcomed!

THESE BUSINESSES SUPPORT ELKS CHARITIES... PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!

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Letters have gone out to the businesses that supported our Lodge over the years. Thank you!

Reading Materials

There are reading materials (bulletins) from other Lodges at our Lodge. Take the time to go through them and check out other Lodges' upcoming events that you may be interested in visiting. They are available on the glass cabinet by the entry door at the Lodge. When done, please return them there.

Volunteers Needed

We have openings for teams of volunteers for our Tuesday Steak Nights and Wednesday night burgers. Interested in cooking and cleaning? Come and join us! Anyone interested, please contact our House Committee chair Anthony DeMiceli.

There are also several committees that need volunteers. Interested in helping with our monthly bulletin? Being on Activity committee? Veterans Committee? Americanism? Cook breakfast once a month? Membership Drive? Soccer shoot? Youth Activity? Be our photographer? Let us know! Exalted Ruler Phil Nuffer may need YOU!

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- An invite to a special open-house breakfast at the Elks National Convention

Your gift can also help your Lodge earn Gratitude Grant bonuses!



Lodge Bulletin Volunteers

August 2025 Lodge Bulletin help is needed on Monday evening, July 21st starting at about 6:30 PM.

CAMP BRISTOL

Camp Bristol Golf Outing Hosted by Mohawk Valley District #6080

Saturday, September 27,
9 a.m. registration; 10 A.M. shotgun start
Mohawk Valley Golf & Event Center
6069 NY-5, Little Falls, NY 13365

Cost is \$360 per team. This includes 18 holes of golf, lunch at the course, and dinner at Herkimer Elks Lodge at 4 p.m., located at 124 Mary Street in Herkimer. Limited to 24 teams

Participating Lodge:

Team # _____

1. _____
Captain
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Comments:

We permit 2-3 entries per Lodge and then backfill after the deadline. Please indicate your submissions 1 through 3. The roster will be completed in order that entries are submitted received. You may submit forms and money for 3 teams, but once we reach capacity, no additional teams will be considered beyond the deadline date.

Deadline:

Please have them submitted no later than the Fall Conference. Lodges will be advised of openings. Let us know if your Lodge has additional teams that wish to be considered.

Beverages:

We request that no coolers or beverages be brought onto the course.

Any additional questions, please contact your host: Cameron Ricci, PSP (315)-534-0119.

Mail this form and payment to:
Nancy Williams, Secretary @ Herkimer Elks Lodge # 1439
124 Mary Street
Herkimer, NY 13350

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Scholarship



On June 19th, we were honored to present our 2025 Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 Legacy Scholarships. The 2025 winners are:

Brooke Wiley—Brooke is the granddaughter of PER Jack Bruce and daughter PDDGER Jill Bruce Wiley. Her father is Jeff Wiley. She will be attending Jefferson Community College with a major in sports management. Congratulations Brooke!

Colden Marks—Colden is the grandson of Elk member Joe Marks. Nicole and Michael Marks are his parents. Colden will be attending Virginia Tech next year with a major in engineering. Congratulations Colden!

Earlier this year, Mia Kelly was awarded the Most Valuable Student scholarship. Mia is the granddaughter of PSP Timothy Kelly and the daughter of members Kevin and Dina Kelly. She plans to attend Fashion Institute of Tech, NYC.

Tuesday Steak Nights / Wednesday Burgers

Tuesday nights are our steak nights. Steak dinner is \$15.95 and comes with choice of fries or baked potato, salad and dinner roll. Dinner is 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Wednesday nights are our burger nights. Regular delicious half pound burger and fries \$10.95. Make it a deluxe with lettuce, tomato and onions for \$12.95. Add bacon for additional \$1.00. BLT's and fries also available at \$7.95. Chicken sandwich also available for \$12.95.

852 students earn ENF scholarships

By Patrick Roelofs, ENF Communications Coordinator

The Elks National Foundation has added to the Elks family, awarding more than \$3.9 million in scholarships to 852 high school seniors. An Elks scholarship is more than just financial aid; it's an invitation to a network of service-minded peers and a promise that an Elks Lodge is always there with open arms.

Out of more than 21,500 applicants for the Most Valuable Student scholarship, the Top 20 scholars received \$30,000 scholarships and a ticket to Chicago for the Leadership Weekend. From May 1-4, the Leadership Weekend allowed scholars to get acquainted with their new Elks family through programming facilitated by current and former Elks scholars, team-building activities, and a service opportunity.

"The weekend was one of the most impactful experiences of my life," said Hannah Cross, sponsored by Ponca City, OK Lodge No. 2002. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to meet other incredible students and to learn more about college and beyond. I'll forever cherish this powerful experience."

A total of 482 runners-up received \$4,000 Most Valuable Student scholarships.

Service is a tenet of the Elks, which is why there's a service requirement for recipients of the \$4,000 Legacy Awards scholarship, which is exclusively for the children and grandchildren of Elks Members. The new class of 350 scholars will serve with an Elks Lodge three times during the four years they receive the scholarship.

"This recognition means so much to me," said MiKayla Klinger, sponsored by Tucumcari, NM Lodge No. 1172, "not just as a scholarship but as a reflection of the values and support the Elks continuously offer to families and communities like mine."

To see a full list of scholarship winners and to learn more about the Elks National Foundation's scholarships, visit elks.org/scholars, follow the ENF on Instagram @ElksScholars, and like the ENF on Facebook @ElksNationalFoundation.

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit elks.org/enf.

July 2025 Birthday

1 Cynthia Cerow	6 Patrick M Gaines	10 Erik Thomas Flynn	16 Matt Doheny	21 Larry R Thompson	27 Sheri J Madlin
1 Frances Pietroski	6 Sally Kleiboer	10 Keith T Lawrence	16 Kendall Miller	22 Paul Gaffney	28 David Bearup
2 David E Bajjaly	6 John S Romig	10 Thomas E Oddi	17 Richard L Conley	22 Stephen LaFontaine	28 Michelle T Castor
2 Justin Brotherton	7 Diane L Armstrong	10 Joseph L Rich	17 Joel A Jamieson	22 Dominic Morgia	28 Matthew Fazio
2 Gary Cook	7 Thomas J Bruno	11 Jeffrey J Cook	17 Paul Swagler	22 Scotty A Sweeney	28 Ernest E Waite
2 Muriel C Pierce	7 Donald S Butterfield	12 George J Bearup Jr.	18 John J Condino	23 Michael Clement	29 William A Petrus
2 Joanna Reed	7 Rocco Canale	12 Dale Blanding	18 Nieko Crescenzi	23 Richard S Kelsey	29 Ronald D Tabolt
2 Michael R Sears	7 Amber Oliver	12 John C Doe	18 Michael C May	23 Raymond G Weston	30 James C Andiorio Jr
2 James T Smith	8 Lee Ellsworth	12 Gordon H Hall Jr.	18 Michael J Parker	24 John T Converse	30 Robert Locy
3 Ramona Alfaro	8 Carolyn Gaebel	12 Richard McDonald	18 Cynthia Werner	24 Lynn J MacNay	30 Peter J Loftus Jr.
3 Frederick C Monaco II	8 Frederick W Gerloff	12 Frederick C Netto	18 James Zehr	24 John J Vallero	30 Steven G Munson
3 Douglas C Partridge Jr.	8 Shane Wisner	12 Paul J Pecori III	19 Lee LaFave	25 Jeanette Ann Lettiere	30 Edward J O'Brien
3 David Schofield	9 Sarah Carpenter	12 Robert J Piatt	19 Martha LaMay	25 Suzanne Raso	30 Theodore P Ward
3 Walter D Young	9 Peter L Clough	14 Kimberly A Donegan	19 Richard C Warner Jr.	25 Thomas Tehonica	31 Brandon M Bauman
4 Pamela L Knight	9 Robert C Lytle II	14 Amanda Nason	20 Charles R Carr	26 James L Whitehouse	31 Roy Randall
4 Robert L Saiff	10 Phyllis J Burns	15 Dannie J Davis	20 Michael Cummings	27 Richard G Cohen	31 Robin Riley
5 Brandon Caldwell	10 Patrick Eassa	15 Clara Hermann	21 Myron C Kehoe	27 Donald J Corp	31 James A Todd
5 Angela Danielsen	10 John Falge III	15 Tom LaRochele	21 Carol M Lawrence	27 James LaDuke	



July 2025

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event



Sunday 12:00pm—6:00pm	Monday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Tuesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Wednesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Thursday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Friday 2:00pm—10:00pm	Saturday 11:00am—10:00pm
		1 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	2 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	3	4 	5
6	7 LCR Party 6:30 PM Elks Junior Golf Tournament @ Thompson Park	8 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	9 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Veteran Committee 6:30 PM	10 PER Association Mtg 9:00 AM	11 Trivia Night w/ Susan 7:00 PM Pub Menu Available	12
13	14 Wing Night 5:30 PM until GONE House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	15 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	16 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Activity Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	17 Lodge Session 7:30 PM	18	19 MSPE Banquet Room 1-4PM MSPE Lodge Room 4-8PM
20 Elks Family Luau Picnic 12 noon—5 PM Elks Parking Lot	21 LCR Party 6:30 PM	22 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	23 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	24 Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM Pub Menu Available	25 MSPE Game Room 6-10PM	26 MSPE Banquet Room
27	28 MSPE Lodge Room	29 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	30 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	31	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$15.95	Wed. Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries \$12.95 Chicken Sandwich \$12.95 w/ bacon—\$1 extra BLT—\$7.95



Watertown B.P.O.E. #496

July 2025

LODGE HOURS

Monday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Tuesday-Wednesday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Thursday	2:00PM—9:00PM *
*Except on Meeting Nights	
Friday	2:00PM—10:00PM
Saturday	11:00AM—10:00PM
Sunday	12:00PM— 6:00PM

Home of PSP Francis Hart, PSP Nelson Navarra & PSP Timothy E. Kelly

Officers 2025—2026

Exalted Ruler
Est. Leading Knight
Est. Loyal Knight
Est. Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Esquire
Tiler
Chaplain
Inner Guard

Philip K Nuffer
Anthony DeMiceli
Karen Miller
Thomas M Lynch
PER Dennis J Brady
Beth A Bennett
Suzanne Renzi-Falge
David Clement
Margaret “Peg” Bootie
Sheri Doroha

Trustees:

Beth Cassada
Jay Miller—Chairman
PSVP Joan Carlo
PER Anne M Fleming
Vacant

Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Mediator: Vic James
Activity Committee: Sandi LaVere
House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon



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